

MASS MEETING TO ENDORSE TRUSTEES

Candidates of the Business Men Announce Their Policy
And Declare That They Are for an Economical
Administration—Mass Meeting Called
For Next Thursday.

In line with the progress of greater consideration the funds available, as well as the high cost of living in El Paso, and the services to be rendered by said teachers.

In conclusion we desire to correct the impression which may have been made by the circulation of a statement, which is not only false, but is wholly without semblance of truth, and which was started and is being circulated for the sole purpose of creating prejudice against us, and that is the statement that we are running for the purpose of advancing the interests of the present superintendent, and that we have promised to support him for reelection. We again, individually and collectively, denounce this statement as false, and say that no promises were asked of us by those who solicited us to run and none given by us to them; that no effort was made to find out our feelings with reference to any question and no indication given by us of our feelings or our ideas on any question affecting the schools.

The Platform.
The platform of the candidates and the call for the meeting follow:
We, the undersigned, having been urged by many of our fellow citizens of high moral and business standing, of every political faith, who have the interests of our schools and our children at heart, and who have no selfish or political end in view, to become candidates for the three positions to be filled on the school board at the coming election in May, have consented to make the race and in making this, the announcement of our candidacy, we desire to state:

1. That we are unalterably opposed to politics entering into the affairs of our public schools, or to the use of our school fund for the advancement of any political party or machine, and we promise, if elected, to prevent as far as in our power lies, anything political entering into the deliberations and actions of the school board—we shall let merit alone be the measure by which reward is to be gained.

Oppose Past Practices.
2. That we are unalterably opposed to members of the school board, who are custodians and guardians of the fund for the education of the children, making contracts with or purchases from themselves as individuals, or from companies with which they are connected or in which they are interested, whereby they might profit; and we promise, if elected, to discountenance such practice.

3. That we are unalterably opposed to the extravagant and useless expenditure of the public money, and to the practice and policy of running the schools in debt and saddling on posterity the burden which they should not have to carry, and, if elected, we promise to use the best of our ability to administer the affairs of the public schools of El Paso in an economical and businesslike manner, at all times bearing in mind the best interests of the schools, and the advancement of the children, and at the same time bearing in mind the amount of money at our disposal.

A Word for the Superintendent.
4. We believe that the superintendent of the schools should be the head of the schools and responsible to the board for their conduct, and, if said superintendent, whenever he or she should prove himself incompetent or unworthy, then he should be discharged and another who is competent and who is worthy should be found. If elected, we promise to get the best man whom we can obtain for superintendent of our public schools, and we shall hold him responsible to the board for the conduct of the schools, and shall oppose all efforts to destroy his usefulness by robbing him of his power and authority, and delegating it to those not qualified to exercise it.

5. We believe that, for the best interests of the schools and for the advancement of the children, harmony should be maintained at all times between the board, superintendent and all teachers, and, if elected, we promise to use our best efforts to so conduct the affairs of the schools that such harmony will at all times exist.

Teachers' Salaries.
6. While we believe in an economical and businesslike administration of the affairs of the schools, we at the same time believe that the laborer is worthy of his hire, and we believe that the teachers should be paid good salaries, taking into consideration their services and the high cost of living in El Paso, and, if elected, we promise that the teachers employed shall be paid good salaries and in determining what are good salaries we shall take into consideration the funds available, as well as the high cost of living in El Paso, and the services to be rendered by said teachers.

MORMON PRESIDENT MAY ABDICATE JOB

Kansas City, Mo., April 8.—Rumors that Joseph Smith, president and prophet of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints, will abdicate in favor of his son, Frederick M. Smith, are current here, where the annual conference of the church is in session.

President Smith is now 78 years old, and the convention recently celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination as president.

RIVER FORMS NEW SALT SEA

El Centro, Cal., April 8.—Cattlemen from the Laguna Salada, Mexico, report that the Colorado river is rapidly forming a second Salton sea in Lower California. A party of engineers is preparing to visit that little known region which is said to be inundated.

TAFT TO DEFINE A GOOD REPUBLICAN

Washington, D. C., April 9.—President Taft's speech tonight on "Republicanism," before the League of the Republic clubs is generally regarded as the opening gun of the congressional campaign.

The president is expected to tell what a Republican property is and define what constitutes Republicanism.

The cabinet will be present, as will all leaders from Republican organizations in various sections of the country.

RAIN WRECKS A TEXAS TRAIN

Many Bridges Washed Out
By Rains in Northern and
Central Texas.

RIVERS ARE ALL RUNNING HIGH

Corsicana, Texas, April 9.—A freight train on the Trinity and Brazos Valley railroad ran into a washout near here late last night and the train was overturned. Fireman Tom Hicks received injuries and scalds which caused his death at a hospital here today. Engineer Robert Whitesides was badly scalded but may recover.

Brazos River Up.
Waco, Texas, April 9.—Heavy rains in this section last night raised the Brazos river many feet and the river still rising.

Rains General.
Waxahachie, Texas, April 9.—The heaviest rain for three years fell here late last night, swelling all the creeks, and numbers of bridges were washed out. The Texas Central suffered a washout on the main line at Richland creek and all trains were delayed several hours. Two inches of rain fell.

Creeks Up.
Denton, Texas, April 9.—Elmfork is today 18 feet above the low water mark as a result of a heavy rain last night, and the stream is rising. Traffic on the joint track was stopped by the washout of a bridge four miles south of here.

Two Inch Rain.
Hillsboro, Texas, April 9.—A two inch rain fell here during the night, soaking the ground throughout Hill county.

PANIC BREAKS OUT IN THEATER

Gasoline Tank of Motorcycle Explodes—Mad Rush For Doors.

New York, N. Y., April 9.—Panic broke out among 1000 spectators at the Alhambra theater in Harlem yesterday when the gasoline tank of a motor cycle ridden by a young woman on the stage exploded and sheets of flame curtained the stage around the track.

Agnes Hatfield, of Newark, N. J., known on the stage as Colera, had reached a speed of 45 miles an hour around the small special track when her motorcycle collapsed.

Its fall smashed the gasoline tank scattering gasoline over the floor. An explosion followed, and the cafe was a mass of flames.

Instantly the spectators rushed shrieking to the doors. The firemen on duty ordered the asbestos curtain drawn and with stiff backs and view the audience became reasonable and the police in the house were able to control the pressure at the exits. Loud playing by the orchestra calmed the crowd and the theater was emptied with only minor injuries to anyone.

Mrs. Hatfield was bruised, but attendants beat out the flames before she was seriously burned.

PIONEER EDITOR DIES IN ARIZONA

Douglas, Ariz., April 9.—Frank Aley, of Arizona, a pioneer and newspaper writer, died here today. He was found yesterday wandering about in a dazed condition near Calabazas, Sonora, whether he had gone for material for a mining story.

It is believed he was thrown from his horse. He was born in Indiana, and was for many years the Tombstone Epitaph, the Arizona Kicker and other papers.

KATY OFFICIALS ARE PLEASED WITH TEXAS

San Antonio, Texas, April 9.—Edwin Hawley, of New York, chairman of the executive board of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroad, arrived here this morning from Galveston on a special train. After spending five hours in San Antonio, he left for Austin.

Hawley reiterated his declaration that he is pleased with Texas conditions and announced that the board is considering the extension of the Katy south from San Antonio to connect with the St. Louis, Brownsville & Mexican railroad.

GOVERNOR HELPS A WOMAN TO GET CHILD

Austin, Tex., April 9.—Governor Campbell today interested himself in behalf of a Mexican woman, Nellie Galadado, from whom district Judge Calhoun yesterday ordered a white child taken.

The child was given the Mexican in San Antonio a year ago. Campbell obtained an attorney to assist the woman. The orphan's home here brought suit for the child.

BACK TO TEXAS FOR TRIAL ON SWINDLING CHARGE

Los Angeles, Cal., April 9.—A. D. Henshaw, of Texas, charged with swindling W. L. Moody & Co. out of \$20,000 in a cotton deal, together with a partner, Gaston Alexander, left here last night for Bowie in custody of W. G. Bralley, sheriff of Montague county, Texas. Henshaw said he does not fear the outcome of the trial and will be acquitted.

STRIKERS WIN RAISE OF TWO AND A HALF CENTS

Terrill, Tex., April 9.—The boiler-makers of the Midland railroad shops of this city, after being out on a strike two weeks, returned to work at 1 o'clock this afternoon, the road agreeing to pay them 40 cents an hour. They were receiving \$7 1-2 cents when they struck and demanded 42 cents.

KILLED BY TRAIN

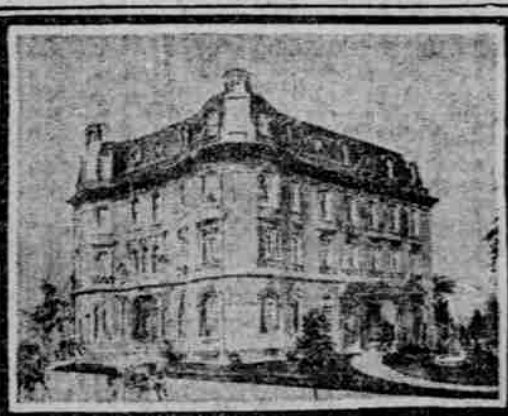
Cleburne, Texas, April 9.—Con Burgin was run over and fatally injured by Southbound Santa Fe passenger train No. 5 here this morning. He jumped aside to avoid a switch engine and stepped on the tracks as the passenger train was rushing toward him.

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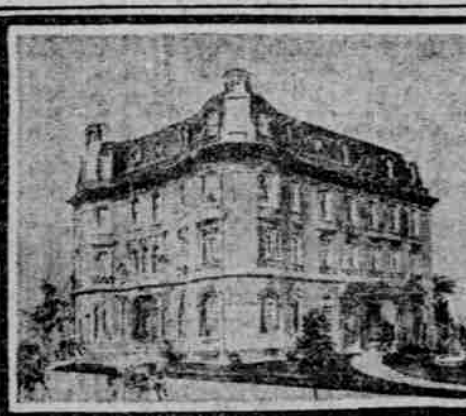
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DECISION OF APPRAISERS IS FILED

They Find That Land to Be Taken by the Government Is Worth Big Sum.

ANOTHER SMALLER AWARD IS MADE

This For Small Piece of Land in Litigation—Cattleman's Water Rights Retained.

Socorro, N. M., April 9.—The United States will pay the Victoria Land and Cattle company \$199,007.25 for the land needed for the Elephant Butte dam, if the decision of the board of appraisers is approved. The report reached here this morning from El Paso, where it was mailed under seal to clerk W. D. Newcomb, of the district court.

When opened, the verdict gave the cattle company \$199,007.25 for the land sued for and also awarded \$3500 for other land to be taken up, but the title to which is now in litigation.

The report of the commissioners in full follows:

"We, the undersigned commissioners, heretofore duly appointed by order of said court to ascertain, assess and appraise the damages to be paid by the plaintiff, the United States of America, for the lands, real estate and property described in the petition of plaintiff filed in said cause by reason of the taking, keeping, holding, using and appropriation of said lands, real estate and property, as described for the purposes set forth in said action, after having viewed the property so described in said petition and having heard the evidence offered by plaintiff and defendant, under stipulation in said cause, as to the value of same, do find, assess and appraise the damages to be paid by the plaintiff, the United States of America, to the defendant, Victoria Land and Cattle company, by reason of the taking, keeping, holding, using and appropriation of the property so described in said petition, of the following described lands and real estate, to-wit:

"At the sum of one hundred and ninety-nine thousand, nine hundred and twenty-five cents (\$199,007.25), having and excepting from the lands and real estate above described, the following described lands and real estate, to-wit:

"The northwest quarter of the north-west quarter of section 12 and the east half and the northeast quarter of section 14, township 5 S., range 3 west of New Mexico principal meridian, in Socorro county, New Mexico, the damage by reason of the taking, keeping, holding, using and appropriation of which said land above described, lands and real estate by the plaintiff, the United States of America, for the purposes set forth in the petition of said plaintiff, we assess and appraise at the sum of one thousand, three hundred and eighty dollars (\$1380). But the said plaintiff is entitled to said land above described tract of land and real estate being in controversy as shown by the pleadings in said cause, we do not find to which of said defendants the said land above assessed damages shall be paid.

"The secretary of the interior of the United States having signified to this commission his consent that the defendant, Victoria Land and Cattle company, shall have the privilege of watering its stock at intervals not to exceed one mile along the line of said reservoir where the same abuts upon the land of said defendant, we respectfully

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Count Witte and Gen. Kuropatkin Narrowly Escape a Fight on Field of Honor.
St. Petersburg, Russia, April 9.—A duel between the former premier, count Witte, who represented Russia in the peace negotiations with Japan in the United States, and Gen. Kuropatkin, former commander in chief of the Russian forces in the field, has been averted through an explanation by the former.

Gen. Kuropatkin took offense at a speech in which count Witte asserted that modern Russian military commanders were lacking in moral courage and were prone to blame others for their failures.

The general accepted the reference as a personal insult and challenged. Seconds were appointed by both men. Subsequently the count expressed regret that the general considered his words as referring to himself and said the remarks were intended merely for general explanation. The general accepted this explanation.

EMPEROR HONORS ROOSEVELT FAMILY

Vienna, Austria, April 9.—Emperor Francis Joseph is interesting himself actively in Mr. Roosevelt's coming visit to the capital, with a view of making sure that his stay will be as pleasant as possible. Today the emperor sent a court officer to the American embassy with the information that carriages will be placed at the disposal of the Roosevelt party during the whole period of their visit in Vienna, and that the royal boxes at the Imperial opera and the court theater would await their occupancy.

STILL VISITING ITALY.
Genoa, Italy, April 9.—Colonel and Mrs. Roosevelt had cause to be glad today that the crowds encountered forced them to abandon their carriage drive yesterday, for since morning the rain has fallen in torrents. This afternoon they leave for Port Maurizio, where Kernalt and Miss Ethel are due to arrive tonight.

Colonel and Mrs. Roosevelt spent the morning visiting the art galleries, the old palace of Doges and other places of interest.

Wichita Falls, Tex., April 9.—Yeggmen late last night entered the postoffice at Jolly, eight miles east of here, in Clay county. The postoffice is in the general store of J. T. Koen.

The burglars cracked the safe and got away with a small amount of cash and some valuable papers.

A large amount of money was overlooked. Officers are investigating.

GOATS PERISH IN TEXAS

San Antonio, Texas, April 9.—It is estimated that 80,000 goats perished in Frio and Nueces valleys as a result of the recent heavy rains, which were accompanied by cold winds.